



MAIL SEIZURES BY ALLIES WILL STOP, IS BELIEF

Washington Hopeful After Dispatch of Vigorous Protest on Practice

NOTE DEMANDS A HALT Ships to Put in at Kirkwall Voluntarily for Search of Cargoes

The Washington Administration confidently expects from Great Britain and France an early and favorable response to its emphatic protest against the unwarranted detention of ships for mail search purposes.

The note questions the sincerity of Great Britain and France in their reply to the first American note protesting against interferences with the mails, quotes precedents established by both Governments, and announces that the present practices no longer will be tolerated.

The note contains an outline of the disastrous results of the British and French policy to citizens of the United States. These include the loss of rare papers, such as patents, which cannot be duplicated, legal papers regarding the settlement of estates, papers relating to legitimate business transactions, and even the money order lists of the United States Government itself.

"ILLEGAL PRACTICE" U. S. CALLS MAIL INTERFERENCE AT SEA

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Early and favorable response to the American mail seizures protest to England and France is confidently expected by the Administration. Intimations today from State Department men were to the effect that advance discussions between Ambassador Spring-Rice and the Department have given the impression that England intended to comply with the American demands.

This was the more evident from the fact that the United States stipulate exact changes that must be made, but instead demanded only the generally—a radical change—in the Allies' policy. England knows, however, what terms the United States exacts, and as Sir Cecil has endeavored to head off the note it is presumed he has outlined concessions England is willing to make.

The note was delivered to the British and French Ambassadors in Washington several days ago. It has been forwarded by cable to their respective Governments. It challenges the legality of the methods that have been followed by the British and French Governments in describing the "improper methods employed by the British and French authorities in intercepting mails" as a "lawless practice" which can no longer be tolerated, and concludes with the declaration that "only a radical change in the present British and French policy, restoring to the United States its full rights as a neutral Power, will satisfy this Government."

After pointing out that American commercial interests are being injured, that rights of property are violated and that of international law and custom are "palpably disregarded" by the Anglo-French policy of interference with neutral mails, the note says:

The Government of the United States, in view of the improper methods employed by the British and French authorities in intercepting mails passing between the United States and other neutral countries and between the United States and the enemies of Great Britain, can no longer tolerate the wrongs which citizens of the United States have suffered and continue to suffer through these methods. To submit to a lawless practice of this character would be to permit or tolerate violations of international law by the belligerent Powers on the ground of military necessity, of which the violator would be the sole judge. Manifestly a neutral nation cannot permit its rights on the high seas to be determined by belligerents or the exercise of those rights to be permitted or denied arbitrarily by the Government of a warring nation. The rights of neutrals are as sacred as the rights of belligerents and must be as strictly observed.

The Government of the United States, confident in the regard for international law and the rights of neutrals which

WILD WEST INDIANS VISIT INDEPENDENCE HALL



Buffalo Bill's charges are shown here sitting immediately beneath the Ferris painting depicting the scene in Penn Treaty Park when William Penn signed the famous compact with the aborigines.

FRENCH DASH REGAINS PART OF CUMIERES

Fierce Attack Drives Germans From Section of Village

TEUTON ASSAULTS VAIN

BERLIN, May 27.—German troops have penetrated the British position near Festubert, north of La Bassée canal, it was announced by the War Office today.

The official statement admits that the French penetrated the southern part of the village of Cumieres, on the left bank of the Meuse River.

East of the Meuse the Germans have reached the heights southwest of Thiaumont forest. The French attempted vainly to stem the German advance by a counter-attack which was repulsed.

South of Fort Douaumont two enemy attacks failed.

PARIS, May 27. Gains of great importance were made by the French in a series of savage assaults northwest of Verdun last night.

French troops penetrated the German position in Cumieres on the left bank of the Meuse, recapturing part of the village.

RED MAN AND PALEFACE AT LIBERTY'S CRADLE

Sixteen Indian Braves, in War Apparel, Visit Independence Hall

The red man and the paleface met today under the roof where Liberty was born.

History was turned backward temporarily when 16 Indians stood around the picture of the Penn Treaty Elm in Independence Hall and murmured their approval as they heard the history of the famous tree around which Penn made the promise which was never broken.

NEW PEACE HINT SEEN IN GERARD'S MEDIATION TALK

Ambassador to Berlin Says U. S. Now Is Free to Arbitrate

EXPECTS HOUSE VISIT

BERLIN, May 27.—Considerable significance is attached to an interview with James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador printed in the Munich Gazette, in which Mr. Gerard is quoted as saying:

Now that concord exists between Germany and the United States following submarine negotiations, the United States occupies an absolutely free position in the event she is asked to mediate in behalf of peace.

An early peace is as important for neutrals as for the belligerents. It is believed that peace is on the way; it might be many weeks in coming or it might be only weeks.

It is widely reported that Colonel E. M. House, known as the "personal envoy" of President Wilson, might make another trip to Europe soon, coming to Berlin on his round of visits, but there is no official confirmation of the report.

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Recently there have been numerous exchanges between the German and Austrian Foreign Offices, and there is no doubt that both Governments are in accord on the question of peace.

CHEER PLAN TO SEND TAFT TO EUROPE ON PEACE MISSION

Theodore Marburg Offers Suggestion at League Meeting

WASHINGTON, May 27.—A suggestion by Theodore Marburg, former U. S. Minister to Belgium, that former President Taft be sent abroad at the proper time to line up the Allies in favor of a league to enforce peace, brought the delegates cheering to their feet today at the League to Enforce Peace meeting.

FAST FINISHES EXPECTED TODAY IN TRACK MEET

Yesterday's Performances Presage Lowering of Several Records

LITTLE ENTHUSIASM

By TED MEREDITH Captain Penn Track Team.

BOSTON, May 27.—Yesterday was a day when the unexpected did not happen, but gave way to the expected.

The white jersey and red "C" will be seen in every final today with the exception of the broad jump.

This, as I said before, was expected, so it cannot be called a feature of the trials.

Besides these men the Ellis have the mile and two-mile events to help bolster up their points.

CHALMERS VS. PFEFFER IN FIRST PHILLY GAME

15,000 Fans Crowd Park When Initial Half of Twin Bill Starts

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER PHILLIES' BALL PARK, May 27.—Fifteen thousand spectators were on hand when the first game of the double-header between the Phillies and Brooklyn was started today.

The fact that the Phillies regained first place after having been trailing the Dodgers for almost a month brought out a crowd that was the most enthusiastic of the season.

Manager Moran picked George Chalmers to do the whirling for the first game, with Eddie Burns catching.

Manager Robinson surprised the Phils by sending Jeff Pfeffer, his star right-hander twirler, against the locals.

Claude Cooper, the Phillies' new outfielder, prevented a sure home run by Meyer, Brooklyn's center fielder, in the first inning when he made a spectacular catch of a terrific drive off the bleacher wall by deep center.

LATEST SPORTS

Table with columns for Brooklyn, Phillies, Athletics, and Washington, showing scores and names of players.

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Table with columns for National League, New York, and Boston, showing scores.

RIGGS BANKERS ACQUITTED OF PERJURY

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Charles C. Glover, president; William J. Flather, vice president, and Henry H. Flather, former cashier of the Riggs National Bank, today were found not guilty of charges of perjury by a jury of the District of Columbia Criminal Court.

PROHIBITION LEADER AND STUDENT DIE IN IOWA FIRE

OSKALOOSA, Iowa, May 27.—Robert H. Williams, business manager of State College and secretary of the Prohibition party, and Harry Oakley, a freshman, were killed; George Mincar and Howard Kelley, students, probably fatally injured and property damage to the extent of \$75,000 done by fire which today destroyed the College Hall.

ITALIAN SHIP OUT FROM NEW YORK, TORPEDOED

PARIS, May 27.—The Italian steamship Moravia, 2208 tons, bound from New York to Genoa with a cargo of flour, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on Thursday without warning.

\$10,000,000 OIL COMPANY INCORPORATED

DOVER, Del., May 27.—The Gasoline Corporation, to acquire oil lands and develop same and to refine, market and distribute crude oil, petroleum and all products thereof, was incorporated here today with a capital stock of \$10,000,000.

STATE TROOPER KILLS MURDEROUS MANIAC

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 27.—When Troopers Banks and Miller, of the State Police, attempted to arrest a maniac at Duncott who had barricaded himself in a hut and had terrorized the community, he jumped upon Banks, overpowering him, and with a razor slashed the officer several times.

MAN AND DAUGHTER HURT IN RUNAWAY

HAMMONTON, N. J., May 27.—Thomas J. McMicking, 56 years old, and his daughter Elizabeth, 19 years, were injured here this morning, the former seriously, when their horse, becoming frightened at an auto truck, bolted around the turn at Triangle Park, upsetting the carriage in which they were riding and hurling the occupants to the hard road.

EDWARD C. SMITH, NEW YORK, DIES ON WAY FROM FLORIDA

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Edward C. Smith, of New York, died today while on his private car the "Klique," enroute from Florida to New York. His car was taken off the train when it arrived at Washington.

\$373,555 PLEDGED IN HOUR TO PEACE LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, May 27.—A campaign to raise \$500,000 to carry on the propaganda of the League to Enforce Peace during the next 12 months was inaugurated today at the closing day's session of the league here.

DAVID H. LANE WARNS AGAINST ROOSEVELT

David H. Lane, chairman of the Republican City Committee, has sounded a warning to Roosevelt supporters in the Pennsylvania National Convention.

AUSTRIAN AVIATORS KILL EIGHTEEN IN RAID ON BARI

LONDON, May 27.—Eighteen persons were killed and a score of others injured in an air raid on Bari, on the Italian Adriatic coast, according to a Reuters dispatch from Rome.

"SLANDERER," CRY SENATORS TO BLAKSLEE

"Falsifier," They Tell Mauch Chunk Postmaster at "Lobby" Hearing

HE STANDS ON "RECORD"

Believes He Has Right to Tell the "Country What Is Done"

WASHINGTON, May 27.—A demand on Postmaster General Burleson and President Wilson for the official head of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeslee was considered this afternoon at a special meeting of the Senate Postal Committee, following a stormy open session.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Face to face with Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeslee, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., Democratic and Republican members of the Senate Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads today denounced the official as a "slanderer" and a "falsifier."

"On what do you base the claim that this committee has made a complete surrender to the railroads?" asked Senator Martine, of New Jersey.

"On the record," he fired back. Mr. Blakeslee then read four of the five points asked by the railroad which he claimed had been conceded.

"Your letter places every member of this committee in a most unenviable position," said Senator Martine, "it's damned unpleasant."

"Do you regard your statements as within the grounds of honesty or decency?" Mr. Blakeslee was asked.

"I believe I have the right in or out of office to tell the country what is done."

"And to organize a lobby of postmasters?" was asked.

"I didn't organize a lobby. I did not dine these men. I didn't button-hole members of Congress. I used no gum-shoe methods. Everything I did was open and above-board."

"Do you regard it as decent to say Congress has surrendered to the railroads when every member of this committee, Republicans and Democrats alike, repudiated favorably this bill?" asked Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi.

"You put your judgment against that of all the Senators; you ought to have some sense of propriety."

"You said," continued Senator Vardaman, "that we surrendered to the railroads;"

"WORD OF WARNING" BY "DAVE" MARTIN FOR PARTY PEACE

Tells Penrose-McNichol Men to Unite With Vares Faction

URGES SMITH AS LEADER

What "Dave" Martin Says to Penrose-McNichol Men

"I feel that a word of warning should be sounded to certain Republican leaders in this city."

"Party leaders must be loyal to their party or suffer the loss of public confidence."

"They must not permit their bitter personal feelings to warp their judgment, as was done in the recent primaries where an order was issued by certain leaders and an attempt was made to nominate a Democrat on the Republican ticket."